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### **REPORT ON 2024 ANNUAL TECHNICAL REPORTS (ATRS)**

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#### **SUMMARY**

1. This document provides an overview of the Annual Technical Reports (ATRs) submitted in 2025 by Intellectual Property (IP) offices. The continued use of the simplified reporting format has led to an increased number of submissions for the third consecutive year. Additionally, the introduction of a new section in the template, focused on the implementation status of WIPO Standards, has been well received and proven highly effective.

#### **BACKGROUND**

2. ATRs have been collected by the International Bureau since 1978 and published on the WIPO website since 1998. IP offices continue to be invited to submit their ATRs under the framework of Task No. 24 whose description reads:

*“Collect and publish Annual Technical Reports (ATRs) on Patent, Trademark and Industrial Design Information Activities of the CWS Members (ATR/PI, ATR/TM, ATR/ID).”*

3. At its ninth session in 2021, after noting the declining participation and usefulness the CWS considered two options proposed by the International Bureau to improve ATR collection: discontinuing ATR collection and simplifying ATR collection by collecting links to this information from IPO websites. These options were prepared by the International Bureau on the basis that this type of information is now typically widely available through other sources and so the original purposes of these ATRs may have been fulfilled through other means. In particular, relevant technical data is available in IP offices annual reports and websites, the numbers of ATRs provided are declining, and there are a small number of user visits to ATRs. (See document CWS/9/18).

4. At the same session, the CWS agreed to try the use of a simplified format where IPOs may provide links to their annual report or website instead of detailing their activities and systems through a text submission, for a period of 3 years (see paragraph 104 of document CWS/9/25). The CWS also agreed that after this time it will reconsider whether to continue ATR collection at its twelfth session. (See paragraph 105 of the document CWS/9/25).

5. At its twelfth session in 2024, the CWS approved the continued use of the simplified template for the collection of ATRs. In addition, the CWS approved the inclusion of a new section in the template to report on the implementation of WIPO Standards by IP offices. The new section is entitled:

*“Activities of the implementation of WIPO Standards related to Patent, Trademark, or Industrial Design information.”*

(See paragraph 156 of document CWS/12/29).

## 2024 ACTIVITY REPORTS

6. In June 2025, the Secretariat issued circulars C.CWS.196, C.CWS.197 and C.CWS.198, inviting IP offices to submit ATRs on their technical activities conducted in 2024 for the main categories of industrial property rights. Following the decision made at the twelfth session of the CWS, the Secretariat revised the ATR templates for patents (ATR/PI), trademarks (ATR/TM) and industrial designs (ATR/ID) by introducing a new Section VII, entitled *“Activities Relating to the Implementation of WIPO Standards Concerning Patents/Trademarks/Industrial Design Information”*.

7. The revised ATR templates for patents (ATR/PI), trademarks (ATR/TM) and industrial designs (ATR/ID) include specific Standards that are most applicable to their corresponding IP domains, as detailed below:

- **ATR/PI – Patents:**  
Standards ST.3, ST.6, ST.9, ST.10/C, ST.13, ST.14, ST.16, ST.18, ST.26, ST.36, ST.37, ST.50, ST.90, ST.91, ST.92 and ST.96;
- **ATR/TM – Trademarks:**  
Standards ST.3, ST.13, ST.60, ST.61, ST.63, ST.66, ST.67, ST.68, ST.90, ST.91, ST.92 and ST.96; and
- **ATR/ID – Industrial Designs:**  
Standards ST.3, ST.13, ST.80, ST.81, ST.86, ST.87, ST.88, ST.90, ST.91 and ST.96.

8. IP offices were asked to report on the implementation status of each applicable WIPO Standard by choosing one of the following options: *“Implemented”*, *“On implementation phase”*, *“Planning to implement”* and *“No plan to implement”*.

9. In 2025, 33 IP offices submitted 84 ATRs reporting on their 2024 activities in the following 30 member states: Armenia (AM), Australia (AU), Bosnia and Herzegovina (BA), Bulgaria (BG), Brazil (BR), Canada (CA), China (CN), Czech Republic (CZ), Denmark (DK), El Salvador (SV), Estonia (EE), Georgia (GE), Hungary (HU), Israel (IL), Italy (IT), Japan (JP), Kyrgyzstan (KG), Mexico (MX), Moldova (MD), Norway (NO), Peru (PE), Philippines (PH), Poland (PL), Republic of Korea (KR), Russian Federation (RU), Serbia (RS), Spain (ES), Uganda (UG), United Kingdom (GB) and United States (US); and three regional Organizations: the African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO), the Eurasian Patent Organization (EAPO) and the European Union Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO).

10. It is noteworthy that, in 2025, the following nine IP offices submitted their 2024 ATRs following a dormant period of five to 10 years: Brazil (BR), Denmark (DK), El Salvador (SV), Georgia (GE), Israel (IL), Italy (IT), Peru (PE), Republic of Korea (KR), Serbia (RS) and Uganda (UG). The 2024 ATRs are published on the ATRs wiki at:

<https://www3.wipo.int/confluence/display/ATR/Browse+by+Year>, where ATRs can be browsed by years, Offices and IP modalities.

11. Regarding the newly added Section VII on the implementation of WIPO Standards in the ATR template, all 33 IP offices provided information on their implementation status of the listed Standards while some did not provide their status on certain WIPO Standards. The overall percentage of missing information is approximately 8%.

12. The International Bureau is currently evaluating ways to improve the platform used for collecting and publishing the ATRs. The aim is to make the system more user-friendly for IP offices and to enhance the ability to analyze and compare the submitted information. A more intuitive interface and improved data structuring will support more efficient reporting and facilitate better insights into the implementation of WIPO Standards across different Offices.

## STATISTICS ON ATR SUBMISSIONS

13. The last four years have seen a significant increase in the number of IP offices submitting ATRs: 17 IP offices in 2022, 24 Offices in both 2023 and 2024, and 33 IP offices in 2025. In addition, the number of ATRs submitted has also shown a consistent upward trend. The following table provides the number of ATRs submitted for each type of industrial property right.

<b>ATR Type</b>	<b>2021 activites</b>	<b>2022 activites</b>	<b>2023 activities</b>	<b>2024 activities</b>
Industrial Designs Information	15	19	21	26
Patent Information	17	20	24	28
Trademark Information	15	21	24	30
<b>Total number of ATRs</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>84</b>

## WIPO STANDARDS IMPLEMENTATION STATUS

14. The following table summarizes the implementation status of various WIPO Standards related to patents among IP offices that submitted their ATRs. Out of the 28 IPOs that submitted ATRs for patents, the majority demonstrate strong engagement with the implementation of WIPO Standards. Notably, Standards such as ST.3, ST.9, ST.26 and ST.36 have been implemented by 20 or more Offices. Some WIPO Standards, including ST.13, ST.90 and ST.91, show lower rates of full implementation, with a significant number of Offices either planning to implement or currently in the process of implementation. It is also worth highlighting that the recent adoption of the new WIPO Standard ST.92 during the last session of the CWS, has 16 Offices already planning to implement it, indicating a positive trend toward future compliance. A small number of Offices have reported no plans to implement certain Standards or have not provided information. Overall, these findings highlight a strong and growing commitment by IP offices to align with WIPO Standards, promoting transparency and harmonization in IP administration worldwide.

WIPO Standard	Implemented	Planning to implement	On implementation phase	No plan to implement	No info provided
ST.3	25	1	0	0	2
ST.6	23	1	0	2	2
ST.9	25	0	0	1	2
ST.10/C	21	1	1	2	2
ST.13	14	1	1	10	2
ST.14	22	1	0	3	2
ST.16	23	2	0	1	2
ST.18	19	3	0	4	2
ST.26	24	0	2	2	0
ST.27	13	5	3	5	2
ST.36	24	2	1	1	0
ST.37	19	4	5	0	0
ST.50	19	2	0	4	3
ST.90	6	8	1	10	3
ST.91	5	6	2	13	2
ST.92	3	16	3	5	1
ST.96	10	5	2	8	3

15. The following table summarizes the implementation status of various WIPO Standards related to trademarks among IP offices that submitted their ATRs. The implementation status of various WIPO Standards among those 30 IP offices that submitted ATRs for trademarks reveals varying levels of adoption. WIPO Standard ST.3 leads with 26 Offices implementing it and only one Office not planning to implement. In contrast, Standards such as ST.13, ST.90 and ST.91 show lower implementation rates, with many Offices either planning to implement or currently in the implementation phase. Several WIPO Standards, including ST.61 and ST.96, display a mix of statuses with a significant number of Offices still in implementation phases. Additionally, a number of Offices did not provide information for some Standards, which could influence the overall assessment.

WIPO Standard	Implemented	No plan to implement	On implementation phase	Planning to implement	No info provided
ST.3	26	1	0	0	3
ST.13	17	10	0	0	3
ST.60	19	5	0	1	5
ST.61	8	10	0	8	4
ST.63	18	6	0	2	4
ST.66	14	10	1	1	4
ST.67	16	8	0	2	4
ST.68	15	11	0	1	3
ST.90	6	12	1	7	4
ST.91	8	13	0	5	4
ST.96	10	11	2	3	4

16. The following table summarizes the implementation status of various WIPO Standards related to industrial designs among 26 IP offices that submitted their ATRs. WIPO Standards such as ST.3, ST.80 and ST.81 exhibit relatively high implementation rates, with 22, 18 and 15 entities respectively having implemented these Standards. Conversely, WIPO Standards like ST.87, ST.90 and ST.91 have lower implementation figures, with many IP offices either having no plans to implement or currently in the planning phase. Overall, while some WIPO Standards are widely implemented, others face challenges in uptake.

<b>WIPO Standard</b>	<b>Implemented</b>	<b>No plan to implement</b>	<b>On implementation phase</b>	<b>Planning to implement</b>	<b>No info provided</b>
<b>ST.3</b>	22	1	0	1	2
<b>ST.13</b>	13	11	0	0	2
<b>ST.80</b>	18	4	1	0	3
<b>ST.81</b>	15	6	1	1	3
<b>ST.86</b>	12	11	1	0	2
<b>ST.87</b>	4	14	0	6	2
<b>ST.88</b>	9	12	0	2	3
<b>ST.90</b>	5	12	1	6	2
<b>ST.91</b>	7	13	0	4	2
<b>ST.96</b>	15	8	2	0	1

17. The CWS is invited to:

(a) note the content of the present document; and

(b) consider the listed WIPO Standards and options in the ATR templates as referred to in paragraphs 7 and 8 above and request the Secretariat to update the listed Standards and the options if needed.

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